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(C) DFAIT Political Director Jim Wright told POL M/C April 4 that Canada does not want to see unhelpful debates on Iraq surface in the various United Nations fora. Wright agrees that the Security Council is seized with the issue and believes it is making progress. Canada will therefore oppose efforts to reopen the "Situation in the Middle East" agenda item as a means of discussing Iraq. Wright said that he would confirm this with Foreign Minister Graham and Canada's position will then be communicated to the General Assembly leadership.

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